

The books of said officers shall be accessible to the public at all the meetings of the Council at its place of meeting.

9. The Council may allow any of the officers of the town such compensation as may be deemed reasonable and may in their discretion, appoint any one of their number to superintend, supervise or oversee any public works or improvement; to protect the public interest in the construction, installation or equipment of any public improvement, and pay him a reasonable compensation therefor.

10. The Council and all other officers of the corporation, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, take an oath that they will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Maryland, and that they will diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of their offices, without favor, partiality or prejudice.

11. The Council may require any of its officers to give bond in such penalty and with such sureties as it may deem necessary, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties; said bond shall be deposited in the hands of the Mayor or some safe depository. When any officer wilfully fails to discharge any duty of his office, he may, in addition to the remedy on his bond, be fined by the Mayor, at his discretion, not exceeding ten (\$10.00) dollars for any one offense, and for the payment of such fine his bond shall be responsible. Any officer may be dismissed by the Council at its discretion.

12. The Council shall receive all election returns, and within ten days after said election shall declare the result thereof. They shall determine all questions arising thereon, and any person conceiving himself aggrieved by reason of such decision, may appeal to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, which shall hear and determine the same, and determine who shall pay the costs of appeal. In case candidates for Mayor shall receive a tie vote, or two or more candidates for Councilman shall receive the same number of votes necessary to entitle any one of them to an election, a special election shall be had as between those candidates receiving such tie vote, after ten days' notice shall have been given, pursuant to the provisions foregoing in regard to elections. In case of any vacancy in the office of the Mayor or Councilman, by death, resignation or removal from the town, said vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the Council, until the next election for members of the Council.